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In re Application of :
Munetaka Kunishima :
Application No. 10/588,940 :
Filed: August 8, 2006 :
Attorney Docket No. NANP135US :

DECISION ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed July 14, 2008, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the non-final Office action mailed September 10, 2007, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were timely obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on December 11, 2007. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed April 14, 2008.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of an Amendment, (2) the petition fee of \$1,540.00, and (3) an adequate statement of unintentional delay.

Further, an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 must be filed prior to the expiration of the maximum extendable period for reply. See In re Application of S., 8 USPQ2d 1630, 1631 (Comm'r Pats. 1988). Since the \$1,050.00, three month extension of time fee submitted with the petition on July 14, 2008 was subsequent to the maximum extendable period for reply, this fee is unnecessary and will be refunded to petitioner's credit card in due course.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Joan Olszewski at (571) 272-7751.

This application is being referred to Technology Center AU 1624 for appropriate action by the Examiner in the normal course of business on the reply received.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Liana Walsh".

Liana Walsh
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